GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WELFARE OF WORKING CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon`ble Supreme Court has expressed concern over the delay on the part of Union Governmentin finalising a scheme for the welfare of working children in the country;

(b) if so, the details of observations made by Hon`ble Supreme Court in this regard;

(c) whether any schemes are pending with the Government in this regard for approval;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Hon`ble Court in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (g): The Hon`ble Supreme Court on 29th March, 2001 directed the M/o Social Justice & Empowerment to prepare a scheme taking into consideration all that would be needed for the welfare of child labour. The Scheme was to be prepared within three months from the date of the order.

On 24th January, 2002, the Hon`ble Supreme Court granted an extension of 8 weeks for finalization of the scheme.The M/o Social Justice and Empowerment has prepared a `Scheme for Welfare ofWorking Children i n Need for Care & Protection`, for which financial approval was obtained on 4th March, 2002. Action to submit the scheme to the Hon`ble Supreme Court has already been initiated by the M/o Social Justice and Empowerment.